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HAYTI, MISSOURI.

ARBOR DAY.

We are informed that Arbor Day will be observed by the school, and we would like to see the day observed by the entire town.

We can never have a beautiful and inviting city until we make it so.

In the far west it is the custom to put down concrete walks and plant trees before even an attempt is made to sell the property.

In California the renters of city property are furnished with hose and water and are required to take care of lawns, trees and shrubs.

People back east seem to care far less for comfort and beauty than the people of the west.

What would our people think on going out into the country and driving miles along rows of fir, poplar, eucalyptus, palm, and olive trees, interspersed here and there with hedges of roses, century plants and flowers? Would a ten-mile drive along an oleander bordered roadway be inviting? Of course we must use trees of a more hardy nature here, and suppose all our streets and avenues were lined with our native maple, cottonwood and sycamore, don't you think it would be more inviting on a summer day, and don't you think the people traveling through our city would be more impressed?

Eleven years ago we tried to get the people to plant trees on the square, and strange to say, nothing has been done until this spring; but trees should have been planted on this square when it was dedicated in 1895. Suppose trees had been planted then. Today they would have been large and stately and we would have had the pleasure of them through all these years.

A small effort on the part of each individual will soon make a beautiful city.

"When we are in Rome we do as Romans do."

Let a few citizens go to work and beautify their homes and their neighbors are sure to follow.

By all means let's plant trees on the square this spring—it will soon be too late—and let's go to work in earnest to make Hayti a city of beautiful homes and a beautiful city for homes.

Let's begin on Arbor Day.

ON THE SURFACE.

Imagine our surprise the other day when a certain man told us that it required no thought, energy or effort to read and digest the epitome of the world's daily doings as contained in the newspapers of the land; that it was all hollow and meaningless and the cream was on the surface.

If there is anything more deep and hard to understand than the principles, causes and effects of the acts on the daily stage of life we would like to know what it is. Back of each word, each act and each deed, hidden from view, there is some influence and some motive—there is an under-current. It is not the mere passing of the incident itself that should interest us, but the cause and the effect.

The present is just as deep a study to the reflective mind that strives for an intelligent understanding as the past.

To all intelligent minds the principles of government are perplexing and our greatest statesmen and diplomats often hesitate.

The surface man takes everything in a literal meaning.

He reads that Bryan was defeated, but cannot tell you why.

He reads about tariff legislation and only knows it by name.

He reads that the Western States were prevented from enacting Anti-Japanese legislation but does not realize the deep feeling of self-preservation against the "yellow peril."

The surface man is wafted about on every little popular wave and by every little wind. He may get more praise and more abuse while he lives, but he leaves nothing to show that he has been.

But he thinks different, of course.

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All the west hates a "knocker." In the east people seem to take a delight in "running down" their own communities, but public opinion in the Great West will not stand for this. A man there who hints that there is any fault to be found with the climate, the soil, or anything else, is looked upon as a common enemy and he may as well pack up and go east at once.

In the west it is a part of the unwritten law that every one shall praise up his own locality and never say a word against it.

George Webb, one of the substantial farmers of Braggadocio, while here last week, proposed that if the city would use them and set them out, that he would donate a wagon load of young maple. Coming as it does from so good a citizen, we surely ought to accept the offer right now. Let's all us business people lay off a day and set these trees out with our own hands and have a dinner in honor of Mr. Webb.

When you pull down the town in, which is your home, your business, you are pulling down yourself, and when you build up your own town you build up yourself, and your neighbor. Try and banish from your mind the mistaken idea that good things are away off in some other locality. Give your town all the praise it can legitimately bear. It will certainly do you no harm, and above all, patronize home institutions. Be a booster.

We usually give every man the right to his opinion and reserve that same right to ourselves, but are liable to show bad temper when deprived of that right.

Let's push the matter of fencing the square and planting trees. The work surely ought to be completed this spring.

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